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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Mr. Leo Cherne, Meeting with the DCI on 31 May 1956

1. Mr. Leo Cherne is Executive Director, Research Institute of America, and an official of the International Rescue Committee. He was chairman of the "Donovan Emergency Commission" which IRC activated to focus attention upon communist redefection campaigns. The meeting with DCI was arranged at Mr. Cherne's request to report on "redefection".

2. In line with his belief that emergency measures are needed to counter redefection activities in the USA, Mr. Cherne reported that IRC has set up a special 24-hour-a-day telephone service in the New York City area offering to counsel any refugees who fear repatriation activity. Mr. Cherne plans to extend this project into Connecticut with the cooperation of local 25X1 police and civic groups.



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